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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 14 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/838 and S/1998/847)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities/ Peacekeeping Support Account

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Agenda and work plan for the session [1] (DP/1998/L.4)

2. Reports on the second regular session 1998 and annual session 1998 [1] (DP/1998/15, DP/1998/27)

3. Draft work plan 1999 for the Executive Board [1] (DP/1997/CRP.10)

4. UNDP: Resource mobilization [7] (DP/1998/CRP.12)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 14 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(drafting of the Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Annual conference

The Fifty-first Annual DPI/NGO Conference, entitled "The 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Words to Deeds", will take place from 14 to 16 September 1998. The opening session will be held on Monday, 14 September, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly will make statements.

The subsequent sessions will be held in Conference Room 4. Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at: www.un.org/MoreInfo/schedule/htm. For further information, please call 963-1361, 963-7709 or 963-7234.

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Briefing

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will hold a briefing on the findings of the *1998 Trade and Development Report* on Monday, 14 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz of UNCTAD who headed the team that prepared the report. Members of the permanent missions are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/53/250)*.

* To be issued.

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal consultation on its organization of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All Member States are invited to attend.

The First Committee will hold its formal organizational meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/53/L.1*).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 5 October (see A/C.4/53/L.1*), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977, tel: 963-9223).

* To be published.

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The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will now be convened on *Thursday, 17 September 1998*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, details on the official launch of the year (1 October), information on the expert consultation on policies for a society for all ages, the research agenda on ageing and the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing.

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United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held on Friday, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (conference rooms to be announced). There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, the first on Thursday, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second on Friday, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Ayisi Makatiani (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document LDC/MM8/1997/2/Rev.2).

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products.The meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st and 2nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/176).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session 1998 21st meeting

Draft decision on the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (continued)

The representative of Switzerland introduced the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/CRP.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda), the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Morocco, France, the Gambia and Switzerland.

The Executive Board adopted the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/CRP.19, as amended.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 4.

Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [14]

The Executive Director and the President of the UNICEF Executive Board made closing remarks.

The Executive Board concluded the second regular session of 1998.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of, and Traffic in, Obscene Publications, concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923 and amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947

Succession: Belarus (8 September 1998)*

Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910 and amended by the Protocol, signed at Lake Success, New York on 4 May 1949

Succession: Belarus (8 September 1998)*

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections, opened for signature at Vienna on 13 November 1997

Accession: Estonia (9 September 1998)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Saint Lucia (10 September 1998)*

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969

Accession: Cuba (9 September 1998)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Ratification: El Salvador (11 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (9 September 1998)*

Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, concluded at Helsinki on 17 March 1992

Ratification: Germany (9 September 1998)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Guatemala (10 September 1998)*

Acceptance: Japan (11 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

The fiftieth anniversary of the World Health Organization will be marked at the United Nations with the concurrent opening of two exhibits entitled "Fifty Years: So Much Accomplished, So Much Still To Be Done" and "The Edge of Awareness" on Monday, 14 September 1998, at 5.30 p.m. at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. The exhibits will be officially launched by Mme Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and the programme will be emceed by Mr. Kensagu Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Second Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The service will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 8.30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should bring their official United Nations ground passes for admittance to the Service.

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Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
Mrs. Victoria Cremeniuc
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Rafael Dausa Cespedes
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze
Chargé d'affaires

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